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SUBJECT: AFGHAN BITS AND PIECES

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SEPTELS REPORTED MAJOR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING OCTOBER 7-9
VISIT TO PESHAWAR OF AFGHANISTAN COUNTRY OFFICER OAKPEY (NEA/PAB).
FOLLOWING ARE A FEW ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE.

3. REFUGEE FLOWS: OFFICIALS AT THE NWFP REFUGEE COMMISSIONERATE
SAID THAT 435 REFUGEE FAMILIES HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN
NORTH WAZIRISTAN FROM AFGHANISTAN'S NORTHERN AREAS, ESPECIALLY
BAGHLAN. THEY ALSO CLAIMED THAT 100,000 NEW REFUGEES HAVE
ENTERED NORTH WAZIRISTAN IN RECENT WEEKS, MANY FROM THE
PAKTIA AND PAKTIKA AREAS. ONE UNHCR SOURCE TOLD CONSUL
SEPARATELY THAT HE HAD HEARD A FIGURE OF 50,000 NEW REFUGEES
IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN, BUT UNHCR PESHAWAR REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVED
FIGURE TO BE CLOSER TO 10,000 TO 15,000.

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6. SOVIET WEAPONS: A FUNDAMENTALIST REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS BEGAN USING A NEW LIGHT, FAST TANK ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, THEY ARE ALSO USING A SHORTER VERSION OF THE KALASHNIKOV WHICH USES ROUND PROJECTILES.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: A GUL BADEEN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH MUJAHIDIN IN WESTERN AFGHANISTAN.

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9. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LORTON

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